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NSA Leader Brown Was Redlands Student

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National Student Association leaders ran into an "ethical trap" in their dealings with the Central Intelligence Agency, the NSA leaders say, a trap whose jaws consisted of money, draft deferments and the threat of jail.

And Samuel Brown, 23 a graduate of the University of Redlands, found himself right in the middle of the controversy.

Brown, now a Harvard divinity student and chairman of the 10-member NSA Supervisory Board, said in a statement Friday that NSA leaders received between \$1 million and \$2 million in hidden CIA funds through 21 foundations and individuals.

The money went into NSA's overseas activities, seminars for foreign students and operating expenses, including rent on the NSA's four-story Washington headquarters, he charged. Brown said in some years the CIA's contributions made up 80 per cent of NSA's budget.

He said the CIA also helped "negotiate" draft deferments for top NSA officials. An NSA spokesman earlier had denied there were any strings pulled to get deferments, but it later turned out that he was talking only of present officials.

Brown named six foundations through which the CIA contributed money — Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs; Catherwood Foundation, San Jacinto Fund, Independence Foundation, Sidney and Esther Rabb Foundation, and an individual, R. A. Smith.

"In addition," Brown said, "last year's president, Philip Sherburne, told the board there were 15 other foundations and individuals that had channelled CIA funds to the NSA during their 15-year relationships." Brown said he did not know their names.

The CIA got strong U.S. student representation at world student conferences,

information about politics and student activities in foreign lands.

The information brought back by NSA members was given to CIA agents in informal meetings in restaurants or in streets, Brown said.

Brown told of the CIA's recruiting of NSA members for "spy" work.

The selected individual was given a security check without his knowledge and then called in for a conference with NSA leaders.

"He was told there were things about the NSA that he was not aware of and that it would be helpful to him in his job to have certain information that was available only from classified sources," Brown said.

"So he was then told he would have to sign a security oath and after he had signed he was told of the CIA involvement. He was trapped."

Brown said the CIA told the students that if they broke the oath and disclosed the CIA-NSA connection, they might go to jail for as long as 20 years.

"I feel it was disgusting that a person could be duped into such a relationship with no way out," he said. "He either had to break his oath or continue to dupe others."

"You should know the agony this caused. That is the real horror of CIA involvement."

Brown is a 1965 graduate of the University of Redlands where he had been active in student politics. He held the

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office of student body president at UR and had been active in the campus chapter of the California College Republicans.

After four years at Redlands, Brown attended Rutgers University in New Jersey where he earned his master's degree. He then won a Rockefeller Brothers Fellowship to Harvard University Divinity School where he is now working toward a doctor's degree.

Robert Morlan of Redlands, a friend of Brown's during his university days there, said he is a "very outgoing person, a likable kid."

"In fact when he ran for student body president, he was unopposed, something that is almost unheard of at Redlands.

"He was very sharp, a very good student. He graduated with honors, cum laude in fact."

Morlan said Brown's Rockefeller Brothers grant is one available to students in majors other than religious studies, so they can have a year of divinity studies to see if they want to pursue a religious vocation."

"I don't quite know what his future plans are now," Morlan observed.

"I was surprised at the disclosure of the relationship between the NSA and CIA as were other students here and was especially surprised to find out about Brown's involvement."

Brown, Morlan said, was connected with the NSA from the time he assumed the presidency at Redlands, being a delegate to national NSA conventions.

"He never mentioned to me any connection with the CIA before this story broke, in fact, I have not talked with him since the disclosures," he commented. "I imagine Sam (Brown) is rather busy back there right now."